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Combat engineers from the 29th BEB, 3BCT, 25th ID, and Marines from the 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regt., brace themselves during a live explosive door breaching at Schofield Barracks, Aug. 30.

29th BEB, Marines make a bang with shotguns

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers and Marines made more than just a loud bang as they breached doors and other targets on the ranges, here, Aug. 29-31.

Combat Engineers from the 29th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, worked with Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, based out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

“The purpose of this training is to bring the Marine unit attending to a proficiency level at conducting urban breaching using demolition and shotguns,” said 1st Lt. Alan Verdin, route clearance platoon leader assigned to the 29th BEB.

About 15 Soldiers provided 25 Marines with invaluable training on breaching targets with shotguns and demolition charges.

“One of the key tasks of the engineers is to provide mobility for maneuver commanders and units,” said Verdin. “Like all battlefields, urban areas have their own set of obstacles that require specialized training and tools to navigate through. The purpose of this training is to become proficient in conducting breaching in an urban environment using demolition and weaponry such as shotguns.”

“The Marines have been exceptionally professional and helpful to work with,” he continued. “Last week, we sent two NCOs (noncommissioned officers) to their shotgun qualification. Even though we work on the same island, traditionally, we have not worked together much. Hopefully, we can continue training together and strengthen both units.”

Second Lt. Charles Simpson, weapons platoon commander, Company F, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regt., stated the intent of the training is just to give Marine assault men experience with urban breaching.

“Basically we’re blowing the hinges and the doorknobs off of these doors that we’re setting up right now,” Simpson said. “So, we’re using the Benelli and Mossberg shotguns, and we’re using detonation cord at this particular range.”

For the ballistic breach, a special breaching cartridge was used by both Marine and Army shotguns.

The Marines were introduced to the Army’s M26 shotgun, which was



Spc. Rogelio Rodriguez, a combat engineer assigned 29th BEB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, uses an M26 shotgun to fire a breaching round at a door at Schofield Barracks, Aug. 30.

specifically designed for urban breaching. “I think (the M26) was a lot better than using the Benelli or the Mossberg,” said Sgt. Tyrell Bennett, an assault man, Co. F, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regt. “The Mossberg is pretty good, but the M26 surpasses both of those in handling.”

Bennett said he found the combat engineers very knowledgeable and easy to work with.

“They have their own (standard operating procedures), and sometimes, incorporating them can be hard, but

essentially we call everything the same thing. The best thing from the training is probably morale, and it refreshed my current knowledge.”

Spc. Rogelio Rodriguez, a combat engineer assigned to the 29th BEB and one of the Soldiers leading the ballistic breach for the Marines, said he enjoyed working with those from other services.

Rodriguez provided the Marines with helpful input on how to plan and form the appropriate demolition charges against metal doors.



A Marine from the 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regt., based out of MCBH Kaneohe Bay, places a demolition charge on a door at Schofield Barracks, Aug. 30.

“I’ve trained with the Marines before,” he said. “They’re really good people to train with. I had one past experience where we did field expedient charges, and we got to build like grape shots, bangalores and etc. It’s really interesting because when they come over they like to learn and they get a great knowledge out of us.”



Above shows a destructive example of a live explosive door breaching used to remove a doorknob at Schofield Barracks, Aug. 30.

At left, a Marine from the 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regt., based out of MCBH Kaneohe Bay, kicks open a door that was breached by shotguns at Schofield Barracks, Aug. 30. Combat engineers from the 29th BEB, 3BCT, 25th ID, trained with the Marines on door breaching techniques.

Garrison’s Directorate of Public Works wins energy, water awards

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
Installations, Energy and Environment

TAMPA, Florida — J. Randall Robinson, acting assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, and Carla Coulson, acting deputy assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, presented 13 individuals and teams with 2017 Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Awards during the Energy Exchange Symposium, here, Aug. 17.

The awards were for energy efficiency, energy management and water conservation within the Army and the federal government.

Among the recipients for energy program effectiveness were U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s energy team: Keith Yamanaka, Ted Robinson, Santiago Hernandez, Andrew Nyerges and Scott Bly.

The team employed innovative methods to decrease energy cost and con-



Photo by Sarah J. Mandes, P.E. Department of the Army
From left, J. Randall Robinson, acting assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment; Keith Yamanaka, DPW energy manager; Scott Bly, senior project manager at Aqua Engineers; Andrew Nyerges, development manager at IPC; Santiago Hernandez, DPW energy conservation manager; and Carla Coulson, acting deputy assistant chief of staff for IMCOM pose for a remembrance photo.

sumption, to increase renewable energy and to enhance energy resilience. The energy team astutely pursued two major

efforts that required no capital investments, yet yielded enormous savings.

In collaboration with the local utility, the team optimized the natural gas account and developed an innovative rate structure and metering methodology that enabled reimbursable tenants to increase use of grid-tied solar power and facilitated inter-connection processes.

This resulted in savings of nearly \$10 million and increased solar production/consumption by nearly 13,000 megawatt hours.

Despite a 7.7 percent increase in facil-

ity square footage, altogether the team reduced energy costs \$12.3 million and reduced energy consumption 90,233 MBTU.

The Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Awards Program was established in 1979 to recognize installations, small groups and individuals who make significant achievements in energy conservation and water management in support of Army readiness.

This program encourages stewardship of energy and water resources, promotes innovative and effective program management and reinforces the importance of sound investments in energy and water facilities and infrastructure to improve mission readiness.

It also recognizes significant achievements in advancing the Army’s energy and water program strategic goals, improving energy security and sustainability on Army installations.



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Final two of 25th ID crew declared deceased

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION

News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Army officials have determined the two remaining crew members from the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter that crashed off the island of Oahu, Aug. 15, are deceased.

Army officials changed the duty status of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brian M. Woeber and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stephen T. Cantrell from whereabouts unknown to deceased after the Army Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. James T. Iacocca, approved the results of a 25th Infantry Division administrative investigation into their personnel status.

•Chief Warrant Officer 3 Woeber, 41, whose home of record is listed as Decatur, Alabama, entered active duty military service in September 2003. He was a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

His awards and decorations include Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with award numeral 4, the NATO Medal, the Multinational Forces and Observer Medal, the Combat Action Badge and the Senior Army Aviator Badge. His deployments include Afghanistan and Egypt.

•Chief Warrant Officer 2 Cantrell, 32, whose home of record is listed as Wichita



Cantrell

Falls, Texas, entered active duty military service in September 2007. He was a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot assigned to Co. A, 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, 25th ID.

Cantrell's awards and decorations include the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, the Iraq Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon with award numeral 3, the NATO Medal, the Army Aviator Badge and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. He deployed twice to Afghanistan and once to Iraq.

The 25th ID conducted an administrative investigation to determine the Soldiers' personnel status after extensive search and rescue efforts by the Army, Coast Guard, Navy and multiple local and state agencies were unsuccessful in locating the Soldiers.

Woeber and Cantrell were two of the five crew members onboard the UH-60 Black Hawk when it crashed during a night training mission off Kaena Point.

The Armed Forces Medical Examiner previously declared 1st Lt. Kathryn M. Bailey, Staff Sgt. Abigail R. Milam and Sgt. Michael



Woeber

L. Nelson deceased after analysis of organic matter discovered among recovered debris matched their DNA. All five Soldiers have now been declared deceased.

Recovery and salvage efforts related to this incident are currently underway and are being supported by the Navy,

the Coast Guard, and the 25th ID. There is no timetable for completion of these operations. The circumstances of this incident are currently under investigation.

While recovery and salvage operations are ongoing, debris from the crash may still be floating in the water or possibly be found on shore. Debris from the crash is considered hazardous and should only be handled by recovery teams with the proper training and personal protective equipment. The debris poses potential risk and could cause serious bodily harm due to sharp edges.

If You Encounter Debris

Those who see or encounter debris consistent with this type of aircraft along the north and west side of Oahu, as well the southern and eastern sides of Kauai, are asked to report it to responders by calling the 25th CAB staff duty officer at (808) 656-1080.

Police Call

USARHAW has specific rules for pets

SGT. 1ST CLASS MIGUEL ESPINOZA

Law Enforcement Division
Directorate of Emergency Services
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Who let the dogs out?

If it belongs to you, the Directorate of Emergency Services would like to remind you that all pets living on the installation are required to be registered with the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Fort Shafter or Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility within 14 days of the pet's arrival to the installation.

All pets are also required to have an identification microchip implanted under their skin. This requirement is consistent with the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture Administrative Rules on animal identification and registration.

As a resident of our community, your pet is your responsibility and must be controlled at all times. Outdoor pets left unsupervised must be contained within a fenced area and unable to escape underneath or by any other means.

Pets are never to be permitted to run loose except in designated areas such as the dog park. Also, pets are not allowed in or

around playgrounds, sports fields, picnic or other recreation areas for sanitary purposes.

As the pet owner, you are responsible for controlling animals to the extent necessary to prevent loud or continuous noises (barking, howling, whining), annoyance, littering, destruction of plants or other property, and injury or disease to people and other animals.

Owners must also pick up, bag and place feces in a garbage can daily. Remember, when walking your pets, you are responsible for cleaning up after them if they defecate. You should always carry the proper items to pick up, bag and properly dispose of items in a garbage receptacle.

Further, all pets must wear pet collars, which must have a current rabies immunization tag attached.

We would also like to remind the public that any dog of a breed (including a mixed breed) that is deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive" - unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer - is prohibited. These breeds include pit bull terriers, Staffordshire terriers, rottweilers, doberman pinschers, chows, wolf hybrids or dogs with any of these breeding

combinations. They are strictly forbidden on Hawaii Army installations and in Island Palm Communities.

This prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behaviors as indicated by the following types of conduct:

- Unprovoked barking, growling or snarling at people approaching the animal.
- Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present.
- Biting or scratching people.
- Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

Report animal bites or scratch incidents to the Provost Marshal at Schofield Barracks (655-5555) or Fort Shafter (438-7114). Following an incident, such animals are subject to a 10-day quarantine at home or the Veterinary Treatment Facility at the discretion of the veterinarian.

Monthly Crime Trends

Wrongful damage to private property increased with 20 incidents in the month of August. The large majority of these events included privately operated vehicle where the driver was not properly backing and caused damage to private property.

Budding SHARP course looks to open Soldiers' eyes

Story and photos by
SEAN KIMMONS
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia — The underlying issue facing the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program is not that Soldiers don't intervene when an incident occurs. It's that Soldiers don't always recognize a potential problem to begin with.

Master Sgt. Jeff Fenlason made that point as he introduced SHARP professionals to "Mind's Eye II," a grassroots leadership development program he helped create while at the 3rd Infantry Division. Officials are currently considering teaching it to units around the Army.

In fiscal year 2016, Soldiers reported nearly 2,500 incidents of sexual assault. Soldiers have learned what sexual assault is, that the Army doesn't approve of sexual assault, and that they should intervene when they are witnessing the precursors to a sexual assault.

Fenlason said he believes the next step in reducing sexual assaults involves getting Soldiers to interpret high-risk situations that



Master Sgt. Jeff Fenlason of Army's SHARP program says Soldiers need to learn to interpret high-risk situations that could lead to incidents that may otherwise go unreported.

can lead to incidents that may otherwise go unreported.

"We don't have an intervention problem, we have a recognition problem," he said, speaking Aug. 31 at the third annual SHARP Program Improvement Forum. "What we

need to do is help Soldiers see."

After senior leaders ordered a stand-down to curb Army sexual assaults in 2012, Fenlason and others at the 3rd Infantry Division's 1st Brigade looked at how to prevent sexual assault within their unit and developed the course.

The interactive, scenario-based Mind's Eye course garnered interest from other units. Fenlason soon traveled to other installations to train Soldiers on the course. His work sparked interest with Army leadership.

"It truly was a unique opportunity to take Big Army concepts and bring them down to a brigade level," he said, "and then put them in the hands of Soldiers who could deliver them capably inside the formation to make that brigade better."

Intended to be a 5 1/2-hour training course that builds trust among unit members, the program - now called Mind's Eye II - is slated to become a pilot program in January 2018. From there, it will be decided

See SHARP A-4

Voices of Ohana

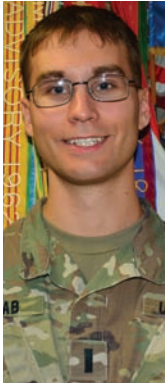
Because Monday is the 16th anniversary of 9/11, we wondered,
"What can we do to make the world safer?"

By 500th Military Intelligence Brigade (Theater) Public Affairs



"Make the effort to become educated on different religions, cultures and lifestyles and be willing to respect opposing viewpoints and beliefs."

Sgt. Katie E. Quick
NCO
500th MIB-T Schools



"Increase communication amongst countries and people, because with additional communication, we can figure out what people want and negotiate deals that are mutually beneficial instead of fighting."

1st Lt. Cody S. Raab
Executive officer
HHD
500th MIB-T



"Learn and exercise the actual definition of equality, and respect everyone's differences."

Sgt. Josephine E. Ramos
NCO
500th MIB-T Signal Support System



"Learn to love one another and respect each other's beliefs."

Sgt. 1st Class Jill A. Struble
NCOIC
Pacific Foundry



"We must maintain professional and respectful dialogue between other countries in order to build positive working relationships, but at the same time, remain vigilant and reinforce our homeland security."

Staff Sgt. Dustin C. Westfall
NCOIC
500th MIB-T CBRN Operations

USARPAC warrior receives Soldier’s Medal

Story and photos by
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FORT SHAFTER — U.S. Army-Pacific held an award ceremony for Maj. Andrew “Drew” Downey, Aug. 29, here, at historic Palm Circle.

Downey, a native of Philadelphia, and the USARPAC special technical operations chief, received the Soldier’s Medal for rescuing a family from drowning earlier in the year.

On April 23, a Milwaukee, family visiting Queen’s Bath, a sometimes turbulent tide pool on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, was caught off guard when a wave swept them from where they were standing into the water below.

Queen’s Bath is infamous for its unpredictable rough tides and jagged rocks, and has claimed lives in the past.

Downey, who was visiting with his family from Oahu, jumped 20 feet into the rough water – without hesitation – and helped the two parents and their 11-month-old child to safety.

Downey first helped the mother to safety. After ensuring the mother was on shore, he then went back in the water and got the baby. Downey then assisted the father, who had found a rock to hold on to, to negotiate his way back to a safe area. Downey learned later that the couple were not good swimmers.

Gen. Robert Brown, commanding general of USARPAC, provided the opening remarks during the ceremony. Brown spoke about Downey’s actions as well as selfless service, one of the many Army values.

“You look at (Downey’s actions) and you say, well maybe everybody here would have done the same thing,” said Brown. “I feel that as part of our Army values we would, but (Downey) did it.”

Brown also spoke about the cooperation between the military and the community. “Military here in Hawaii is part of the fabric of the community, helping out in schools, volunteering in the community. It’s a key part and we very blessed to be here in this great state working together,” said Brown. “Drew is an example of that.”

After the opening remarks and the reading of the citation, Brown presented Downey with the Soldier’s Medal.



Gen. Robert B. Brown (right), commanding general, USARPAC, awards the Soldier’s Medal for heroism to Maj. Andrew Downey during a presentation ceremony at historic Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, Aug. 29.

“Drew is going to receive the highest award you can receive during peacetime,” said Brown. “The Soldier’s Medal goes all the way up to the Secretary of the Army (for approval), and I’m really proud to be able to present this to Drew.”

Downey thanked everyone for coming out to the ceremony, saying he was doing what many other people would have done in a similar situation.

“I have to say I think a lot of people would do the same thing, and first responders do it every day without any thought for their own personal safety,” said Downey. “I’m happy that everyone came away pretty much unscathed.”

The Soldier’s Medal
It’s the highest honor a Soldier can receive for an act of valor in a non-combat situation. Actions by the service member involve personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life under conditions not involving conflict with an armed enemy.



Maj. Andrew Downey receives the Soldier’s Medal and certificate for his heroic actions saving the life of a Milwaukee couple and their infant child who were swept into the ocean on the island of Kauai in April 2017. During the presentation ceremony at historic Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, Downey is joined by his wife, Rifka; daughter, Payten; and son, Xavier. The Downeys are flanked by Cmdt. Sgt. Maj. Bryant Lambert (left) and USARPAC Commander Gen. Robert Brown.

Army medic donates bone marrow to stranger in need

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25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Heimstead had only been in Hawaii for a few weeks before he received an email that would change the odds of survival for one special person.

“My lab results showed that I was an excellent match,” said Heimstead, the 25th Sustainment Brigade surgeon cell noncommissioned officer in charge. “I had done a lot of research on bone marrow transplants, and it turns out that only 38 percent of those in need are able to find someone suitable to donate, so I knew this was something very special.”

Heimstead participated in a bone marrow sample drive at Fort Bliss, Texas, in 2010 while he was stationed there. He went on to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he served as a drill sergeant for a couple years, and later as a senior operations NCO.

“I really hadn’t given the sample donation much thought after I did it,” he said.



Photo by Capt. Aaron Moshier

Seven years had passed before the match was found.

There are several steps toward ensuring a bone marrow match is made, according to the National Marrow Donor Program website. The steps are spread over several weeks and ensure an optimal match is made through medical evaluation.

Only 1 in 430 people who have registered in the NMDP will go on to donate;

WASHINGTON, D.C. — At left, Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Heimstead, 25th Sust. Bde. surgeon cell NCOIC, poses for a photo during his donation of bone marrow, Aug.15, at the Georgetown University Medical Center. Only one in 430 people who have registered in the National Marrow Donor Program will go on to donate.

as of August, Heimstead is now one of them.

“I thought I was ready for what was to come,” he said. “But nothing can prepare you for what the medicine is going to do to your body. The side effects were a lot of pain, insomnia – and you can’t take anything that is nonsteroidal or anti-inflammatory, because it will affect your platelets. But you know what? I’d do it again in a heartbeat.”

Heimstead’s supervisor, Maj. Paula E. Young, 25th Sust. Bde. surgeon, said she will never forget the sacrifice her Soldier made.

“I remember the disgruntled look on his face every time he would go to sit

down or stand up from his desk,” she said. “The medicine that the donors are given build up their bone density, especially in your hips, and it can be quite painful.”

Heimstead’s final step in his bone marrow donation was coordinated through the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Recruitment and Research Program, which flew him to Washington, D.C., where his stem cells were collected and prepared for transplant.

“As a medic, I’ve gotten used to being in the field, treating a patient and loading them up for transport,” Heimstead said. “Very rarely do you find out whether that patient survived, what happened or if you did the right thing on the spot, but this time I knew I had done the right thing.

“This was one of those times where I could do what I had to do and actually have a really good chance of saving someone’s life,” he continued.

Heimstead will have to wait up to a year to find out if the transplant was successful through the MDRR program.

Transporters train on tactical casualty combat care, buddy aid

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25th Sustainment Brigade
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers of the 25th Composite Truck Company, 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, assist units across the 25th Infantry Division in the mission-essential task of moving their equipment to where it is needed, but they are also prepared to assist in another essential task: Tactical Casualty Combat Care.

Second Lt. Christian Mapes, a platoon leader assigned to 25th CTC, organized a training session to test his Soldiers’ mettle in care under fire, tactical field care and casualty evacuation.

More than 70 Soldiers rucked out to Leaders Field, here, Aug. 13, to conduct Sergeants Time Training on a task that could save someone’s life.

“Sometimes when you call for a medic, there’s just not one there,” said Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Hiemstead, 25th Sustainment Brigade surgeon cell noncommissioned officer in charge. “And then it is up to the individual Soldier to solve the problem.”

The field problem for Soldiers of 25th CTC was to react to small-arms fire from an enemy, take cover, conduct buddy aid and call for a casualty evacuation for an

injured troop.

“The training was really exciting,” said Pfc. Tamisha Carter, a wheeled-vehicle

mechanic with the 25th CTC’s maintenance platoon. “It was completely hands on, and we were tested to see how quickly we could complete each step of the process.”

“I know that I could rely on my battle buddies to help me out if I was injured, and I feel confident I could do the same for them,” she said.

Soldiers of 25th CTC, along with the rest of 524th CSSB, focused

on Soldier care training throughout the month of August.

Below, Soldiers with the 25th CTC, 524th CSSB, move a simulated casualty to the casualty collection point during medical training, Aug. 24, at Leaders Field on Schofield Barracks.



Photo by Sgt. Ian Ives, 25th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

2IBCT prepares for the future of electronic warfare

Story and photo by
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DILLINGHAM AIRFIELD — As Soldiers move across the battlefield, under the cover of night, the enemy may be capturing their physical location.

Compromised information could end their mission and endanger their lives. Are they safe? Who can commanders rely on to prevent enemy technology from detecting them?

Electronic warfare (EW) specialists, military occupational specialty 29E, have the difficult job of preventing these situations. They assist in all aspects of the fight to block foreign technologies from compromising missions, and they need the latest equipment to accomplish this.

From Aug. 21-31, EW specialists assigned to the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, participated in training and tested new equipment in the field of electronic warfare, here, on the North Shore of Oahu.

The Versatile Radio Observation and Direction (VROD) and the VMAX, the “search and attack” function on the sys-



Sgt. 1st Class Norlan Rodriguez (right) and Sgt. 1st Class Isabel Ruiz, both electronic warfare specialists assigned to 2IBCT, 25th ID, conduct pre-combat checks and inspections to ensure their VROD/VMAX equipment is working properly.

tem, are two of the newest platforms that Soldiers have assisted in fielding at Schofield Barracks.

The equipment is from the Communications-Electronics Research, Develop-

ment and Engineering Center (CERDEC), a division of the Department of Defense, primarily responsible for helping the 2IBCT develop the best method of employing the equipment on future battlefields.

“Currently in the United States Army, there is a gap in electronic warfare in terms of equipment and training,” explained Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas Esser, a 25th ID electronic warfare technician. “New technology such as the VROD/VMAX has the ability to close that gap and create an even more efficient fighting force.”

The new technology is seen as a theater asset. In a war, it may take up to 72 hours for similar technology to be acquired after being requested, explained Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Bass, a 2IBCT electronic warfare technician.

“This technology could potentially cut that time significantly if units are assigned the equipment full time,” said Bass.

“The technology gives great visibility of what we look like to the enemy,” he added. “Our brigade can use equipment like the VROD/VMAX as means to protect forms of communication on the battlefield and aid in disrupting or denying our enemy’s communication efforts on the other end.”

To read the complete story, visit hawaiiarmyweekly.com/2017/09/07/2ibct-prepares-for-the-future-of-electronic-warfare/.

94th AAMDC integrates missile, air defense support at UFG

SGT. 1ST CLASS CLAUDIO R. TEJADA
94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM — Key leaders, senior and junior Soldiers from the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command joined U.S., Korean and United Nations forces in the Republic of Korea for the annual exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian, or UFG, Aug. 21-31.

UFG is a U.S. and Republic of Korea defense-oriented warfighting exercise conducted annually to enhance readiness and protect the region while maintaining stability on the Korean Peninsula.

The exercise is modeled in computer-simulated scenarios designed to engage government and military organizations. It makes them react to numerous crisis scenarios that even include the civilian population on the peninsula.

Although part of the exercise was computer simulated, South Korean forces train in real-life action exercises to ensure

they are prepared for potential terrorist, chemical or weapon attacks.

There are approximately 28,000 service members stationed in South Korea and an estimated 17,500 participated in UFG. They joined military forces from multiple South Korean units from all branches of service, as well as forces from the United Nations Command participating in the exercise.

Due to the nature of UFG being a computer-assisted, crisis management exercise, and the ballistic missile threat that exists in the Pacific region, the 94th AAMDC staff reviewed current processes and procedures to identify areas to further develop in order to train operations plan to proficiency.

Maj. Mathew Chambless, a plans and training officer for the 94th AAMDC said the leadership in the unit uses UFG to train members of its staff and directorates, as well as improve joint partnership while collaborating with U.S. Pacific Com-

mand, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea.

“We looked at the threat to the U.S. and its allies in the region and discussed processes and procedures to be exercised in order to meet that threat, Chambless said.

“This exercise allows us to further develop missile defense processes and procedures and to both reaffirm and strengthen the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea,” he added.

Participation of the unit in these types of exercises increases the unit’s capabilities to defend against ballistic missile threats to the U.S. and its allies in the region.

Chambless is no stranger to this type of exercise; he has been involved in five iterations of UFG in some capacity over the years. The exercise also provides an opportunity for junior Soldiers to experience and prepare for manage real-world situations in the unit.

“This exercise benefits me as a Soldier working in the G4 because it made me oversee what my section does in the real world by supporting and providing units with resources that will help protect and win the fight,” said Spc. Virginia Lopez, a unit supply specialist assigned to the unit’s logistics directorate who participated in the 10-day exercise for the first time.

Lopez said that having participated in previous unit training exercises prepared her to be ready to conduct operations at UFG.

The exercise provides the 94th AAMDC leadership with viable military options to sharpen the unit’s ability to support the Indo-Asian Pacific Region with air and missile defense assets when required.

The unit’s participation in Ulchi Freedom Guardian demonstrates U.S. commitment to the defense of the Republic of Korea and its allies as well as the security and stability of the Korean Peninsula and the Pacific region.

SHARP: Problem is w/recognizing

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whether it should be pushed out to the entire force.

The course is ideally taught to a group of 15-25 Soldiers by an “influencer” – a person who unit members tend to gravitate toward. Influencers are selected by their leadership regardless of rank or position, and they are tasked with helping change a unit’s culture to one that values respect for each other.

“This is something that we could potentially put in our formations and get folks to think differently,” said Monique Ferrell, director of the SHARP program. “I’m really excited about it.”

Pilot plans

Two U.S. Army Forces Command brigades, which were not identified, are expected to participate in the pilot. While one brigade will actively take part in the course, the other is a control group and will not.

Iterative surveys by Soldiers throughout the pilot will then gauge the



Master Sgt. Jeff Fenlason, with the Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, introduces Mind’s Eye II, a grassroots leadership development program he helped create while at 3rd ID, to SHARP leaders from across the force.

effectiveness of the course before any decisions are made to roll it out.

“Too often we put things out into the field, (and) we don’t know whether they work or not, and we never take them out,” Ferrell said. “So, we’re being very deliberate about this.”

In his experience, Fenlason said, the course typically generates meaningful

conversations among Soldiers who can share their own opinions and judgments of the world.

“Soldiers enjoy it because they’re involved from the very beginning,” he said. “It asks you to reflect on your sense of self and your Army identity. It’s very much grounded in the adult learning model of stories and recollections and

reframing thought processes based on previous experience.

“They’re not told the answer. They’re allowed to discover the answer.”

Self-reflection

The Army presently has the Not in My Squad initiative, which gives junior leaders more responsibility to rid their ranks of negative behavior. While similar, the Mind’s Eye program has a more inward approach in bringing more professionalism to a unit.

“Not in My Squad makes you look outward at your formation,” Fenlason said, quoting a Soldier he had met with who had trained on both Mind’s Eye and Not in My Squad. “Mind’s Eye II forces you to look inward at your (own) leadership. Together, they are a powerful combination.”

In Mind’s Eye, different scenarios are presented to Soldiers who realize there may be several answers to what might be an ambiguous problem. A Soldier’s answer has much to do with who they are as a person and the sense of their place in the unit they serve in.

(To read the rest of this story, visit www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com/2017/09/06/budding-sharp-course-looks-to-open-soldiers-eyes-to-curb-sexual-assault/.)

196th Infantry bids fond ‘aloha and malama pono’ to Dan Hoeh

Story and photo by
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196th Infantry Brigade

HONOLULU — Soldiers and civilians of the 196th Infantry Brigade and Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Capability (JPRMC) celebrated the retirement of Dan Hoeh (Phoenix 07), director of Instrumentation Training Analysis Computer Simulations and Support (ITACSS), here, Aug. 31.

Hoeh had recently retired after more than 44 years of active federal service.

Following 20 successful years as an Air Defense officer, Hoeh continued his service to the country as a Department of the Army civilian. All 25 years of his civilian career were spent in the U.S. Army’s Combat Training Center program.

He was promoted through the GS ranks, culminating with a promotion to ITACCS director at Joint Multinational Readiness Capability (JMRC), in



Hohenfels, Germany, prior to his assignment at JPMRC. In March 2014, Hoeh accepted the position of ITACCS director for JPMRC, with appointment at

Dan Hoeh (center) receives a Meritorious Civilian Service Award from Lt. Col. Kevin Yatar (left), 196th Inf. Bde. deputy commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Killingsworth, the 196th Inf. Bde.’s senior enlisted adviser.

Schofield Barracks. Since then, he has been responsible for the successful growth of JPMRC, from inception through five successful training rotations at the brigade combat team level to include units from Hawaii, Alaska, Iowa, Canada and Washington, as well as several multinational exercises in Australia, Malaysia and the Philippines, cumulatively encompassing more than 30,000 Soldiers.

For his 44 years of dedicated service, at his retirement, Hoeh was awarded with the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award, a Certificate of Retirement and a Certificate of Appreciation, all endorsed by the U.S. Army-Pacific commander.



Send announcements for
Soldiers and civilian
employees to editor@
hawaiiarmyweekly.com

8 / Friday

Fake Charity Scams

— The IRS is warning about possible fake charity scams emerging due to Hurricane Harvey and encourages taxpayers to seek out recognized charitable groups for their donations. While there have been an enormous wave of support across the country for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, people should be aware of criminals who look to take advantage of this generosity by impersonating charities to get money or private information from well-meaning taxpayers.

Such fraudulent schemes may involve contact by telephone, social media, email or in-person solicitations. More information about tax scams and schemes may be found at IRS.gov using the keywords “scams and schemes.” Details on available relief can be found on the disaster relief page on IRS.gov.

9 / Saturday

Retiree Appreciation Day

— Event will be held at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Doors will open at 8 a.m. Several guest speakers will discuss health care issues and changes that may affect the Army retired community.

Tripler Army Medical Center will be providing flu shots and skin cancer screening.

Lunch will be served from noon till 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. For more details, call the Retirement Services Office at 655-1514.

13 / Wednesday

Reunion

— The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who

served in the Army’s 2nd Infantry Division at any time. This year, the association will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the division, which was formed in France during World War I. It will host a reunion in Arlington, Virginia, from Sept. 13-17.

For more details, contact secretary-treasurer Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net.

Call (224) 225-1202 or visit www.2ida.org.

18 / Monday

F4EO

— Schofield will host a “Fight For Each Other” talk about suicide from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Attend this prevention program at Sgt. Smith Theater. Large groups should call 655-9105 to reserve seating.

21 / Thursday

F4EO

— Fort Shafter will host its “Fight For Each Other” talk about suicide from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Attend this prevention program at Richardson Theater. Again, large groups should call 655-9105 to reserve seating.

22 / Friday

Signal B

— Ticket sales are open. Signaleers and friends of the Army Signal community, tickets are available for the 2017 Pacific Signal Regimental Ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki at 5 p.m. The social hour is 6-11 p.m. with dinner and dancing. Purchase tickets at <https://2017signalball.eventbrite.com>.

If you would like to sponsor young Signaleers, donations are being collected for Soldiers and spouses who cannot afford tickets. To sponsor a Soldier, contact the following:

•Pfc. Willis at 787-3895, in global.

•Master Sgt. Erickson at 787-3345, in global.

Note, hotel rooms are going fast. Call 949-4321 and mention SRP Code “ATG.”

October

10 / Tuesday

Transition Summit

— U.S. Army Hawaii will host a three-day Transition Summit, Oct. 10-12, at various locations on Schofield Barracks. All service members, veterans and spouses are invited to attend. (This event is mandatory for Soldiers within 12 months of transition.) All attendees must register at <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/hawaii-transition-summit-0>.

Ongoing

Abandoned Vehicles

— Listen to Hawaii Public Radio to get the latest facts on abandoned vehicles. Go to <http://hpr2.org/post/conversation-wednesday-august-16th-2017>.


DCCA — As part of its outreach to protect consumers across the state of Hawaii, the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs has produced a guide for members of the military and their families.

The guide is tailored to assist with a transition to Hawaii and provides relevant information such as navigating state laws, getting insurance, spotting scams or fraud, purchasing vehicles and homes, and lots more.

Physical copies of the guide will be available at Army Community Service soon. A soft copy of the guide is available at <http://cca.hawaii.gov/militaryconsumer/>.

Clean Water

— U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Branch, Clean Water Program helps protect Hawaii’s waters. Its 2017 Storm Water Trash Reduction Plan has been posted for public review and comment. The Trash Reduction Plan will be available for 30 days – through Sept. 26. Visit <https://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/CleanWater.aspx>.



Advisories from Army and Hawaii
Department of Transportation
(HDOT) sources. Provides traffic,
construction and outage information.

Ongoing

Revised Traffic Codes

— The Military Police have begun enforcing newly revised and approved U.S. Army-Hawaii Regulation 190-5 traffic codes that became effective Tuesday. The most significant change is the expansion of traffic offenses that incur monetary fines. Offenses such as seat belt violations, illegal parking and cell phone usage/texting while driving, now have a prescribed fine associated with the offense in addition to a potential prohibition to driving on the installation or a suspension of driving privileges on the installation.

The revised traffic codes apply to all Soldiers, civilians, family members, contractors and other personnel who work on, reside on or visit any U.S. Army installation, facility or work site in the state of Hawaii. To review the new Traffic Code in its entirety, go to the Garrison Policies tab on the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii website at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil.

Flagler Road

— Lane closures will occur at Flagler Road between Kolekole Avenue and Lyman Road for pavement repairs. The road closures will be in effect until Sept. 15, Monday-Friday,

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with intermittent closures for permanent striping and loop detector installation. Flagmen will direct two-way traffic through a single lane on Flagler when possible. There will also be traffic detours onto Aleshire and Waianae avenues from Foote/Kolekole and Lyman Road. This schedule is subject to change pending weather delays.

Wright Avenue

— Modified traffic flow will be in effect at Wright Avenue between Kunia and Elleman roads for pavement repairs. Road closures will occur from Sept. 5-20 from 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Expect single lane traffic and traffic detours on Wright Avenue to allow gate access. This schedule is subject to change pending weather delays.

Lauhala Road

— Lauhala Road north of Sargent Street will be restricted to one lane for utility installation, Sept. 5-19. The work will be performed in two phases.

Phase I will occupy the east side of the Lauhala from Sept. 5-12. Phase II will occupy the west side of the road from Sept. 13-19.

During both phases, traffic on the north end of Sargent Street needing to exit onto Lauhala must access Lauhala from the south end of Sargent Street. Work will be performed between 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Ganhan Road

— This road on Wheeler Army Airfield, adjacent Bldg. 107, will be closed at the Wright Avenue entrance throughout construction,

through Dec. 18.

Sasaoka Street

— Two road closures on Sasaoka Street, WAAF, will occur for new sewer line installation. The work will be performed in two phases through Sept. 30th. For Phase I, a portion of Sasaoka will be closed during the day between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Access will still be available for tenants and employees in the area.

For Phase II, Sasaoka will be fully closed at night from 6 p.m.-2 a.m., Monday-Friday. Access for tenants and employees will not be available at night during Phase 2.

Saturday and Sunday work will only be performed if absolutely necessary, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Rail Construction

— Construction work between Aloha Stadium and the H-1 Interchange for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project began Aug. 15 and is expected to create additional traffic congestion and night-time construction noise in the Pearl Harbor area. Commuters to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam using Halawa, Borchers and Makalapa gates should plan accordingly as lane closures in both directions of Kamehameha Highway could delay traffic trying to turn into those gates.

For questions or comments, call the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) 24-hour project hotline at 566-2299 or visit www.HonoluluTransit.org. For JBPHH updates and information, visit www.facebook.com/JBPHH, or Twitter - @JointBasePHH.



Photos by Kristen Wong, Oahu Publications
A portrait of Queen Liliuokalani is adorned with hookupu (ceremonial gifts) at her birthday commemoration service at the Soldiers Chapel, Saturday.

Soldiers Chapel hosts regal commemoration

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Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Hawaii’s Army, Christian and Native Hawaiian communities gathered at the Soldiers Chapel, here, on Saturday, to celebrate the birthday of Hawaii’s last reigning monarch in the chapel she had built for U.S. Army Soldiers more than a century ago.

They recited prayers and sang songs in English and Hawaiian, shared sermons and bestowed lei on a portrait of the queen.

Alii Sir Edward Akana of the West Oahu Chapter of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, spoke of the queen’s kindheartedness and the love and affinity she showed to her people.

“You are not frozen in time ... your spirit is with us today,” he said.

Chaplain (Col.) Steve Peck, head of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Integrated Religious Support Team, noted the historical importance of the service.

“Few Army bases have as significant a connection to history and culture as Schofield Barracks,” he said. “And one of the most unique connections is to the queen. She gifted (the Soldiers) this very chapel, and it’s certainly the only chapel given to the Army by a reigning monarch.

“I want the Soldiers here to know that this place is different from other bases,” he continued. “This base has an amazing history connected to the Hawaiian culture and the culture of the larger Pacific.”

Unlikely benefactor

Queen Liliuokalani was born on Sept. 2, 1838, and ascended to the throne on Jan. 29, 1891. She ruled until the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom on Jan. 17, 1893.

In 1913, she raised money for the construction of Soldiers Chapel on Schofield Barracks. It was the first church on the post and housed a bell donated by the 5th U.S. Cavalry Regiment in 1912.

It’s unclear why she chose to give the church to Soldiers who were from the country that played a role in her overthrow, but some believe it was an example of her generosity and ability to forgive.

Peck said that from what he had learned about the queen, she did exhibit an admirable ability to forgive and love her fellow man.

“In my personal opinion, there is evidence of the Holy Spirit in her life, transforming her into a person of grace and forgiveness,” he said. “It let her maintain her dignity as a person and a Christian.”

Barbara Vlachos, vice president of the Iolani Guild, a devotional philanthropic so-



Alii Sir Edward Akana (right), a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Moku o Kapuaiwa District (Leeward), passes a hookupu for Queen Liliuokalani to fellow member Alii Sir Abraham Kalani Ka’io.

ciety of the Episcopal Church in Hawaii, said she was moved to be able to attend a service in a church that the queen had built.

“She would have loved to have been here worshipping with the Soldiers,” Vlachos said. “She would have loved creating a house of worship where everyone could be worshipping together.”

The Right Rev. Robert Fitzgerald, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, which oversees the church Queen Liliuokalani belonged to, concluded, “We’re celebrating a saint in one of the houses she built for us all, but particularly for those lonely men and women from all over the United States and world who don’t even know they’re being prayed for today in this place.”

Chapel History

Soldiers Chapel was originally located in Castner Village in the “Upper Post” area of Schofield Barracks, near the Waianae Mountains.

In 1920, another chapel was merged with the entrance of the original Soldiers Chapel to create a larger church that could accommodate more congregants. It was moved to its current location, near Quad D, in 1925.

In addition to the original chapel entrance and the bell donated by the 5th U.S. Cavalry, it also houses a rare 1931 pipe organ, one of only two of its kind in Hawaii.

Soldiers Chapel is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Guests at Queen Liliuokalani’s Birthday Commemoration Service pose for a photo in front of the Soldiers Chapel, Saturday.



The Right Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick participates in Queen Liliuokalani’s Birthday Commemoration Service at the Soldiers Chapel, Saturday.



Alii Sir Edward Akana (second from right), a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Moku o Kapuaiwa District (Leeward), speaks during Queen Liliuokalani’s Birthday Commemoration Service at the Soldiers Chapel, Saturday.

Briefs

8 / Friday

EFMP Sensory Movie Night — Held at SB Sgt. Smith Theater from 7-9 p.m. Call 655-4227.

Family Child Care — New Applicant Briefing will be held at SB FCC office at 9 a.m. Call 655-0747.

Paint and Sip — Paint a picture on canvas at SB Tropics from 7-9 p.m. while sipping your beverage of choice for \$35. Class includes all painting supplies and instruction. Preregistration is required. Call 655-5698.

Parenting 101 — Take your parenting to the next level. Discover current “best practices” and learn tips and tools to assist you in reaching your parenting goals at the SB ACS from 12-1 p.m. Call 655-4227 to register.

Resume Workshop — Learn to create a resume for the first time or update your resume for a private sector position from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at SB ACS. Choose the best format to demonstrate your experience and skills.

Target your resume to the job you are seeking and effectively summarize your accomplishments. Call 655-4227.

9 / Saturday

Movies at the Pool — Enjoy Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” at SB Richardson Pool from 5-9 p.m. Standard pool fees apply; food and beverages available for purchase. No glass or alcoholic beverages. Call 655-0113.

Learn to Surf — Surf like a pro with SB Outdoor Recreation on the south shores of Oahu at White Plains Beach from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for \$59 per person. Transportation, equipment and instructions are provided.

Must be a proficient swimmer who is able to tread water for at least 6 minutes and swim 200 yards. Minimum age is 10. An adult must accompany all children. Call 655-0143.

Movie Talk — Watch and discuss event runs from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at SB Tropics Recreation Center. Program is geared toward older teens and adults. Light refreshments will be served. Call 655-8002.

11 / Monday

Stress Solutions — Held from noon-1 p.m. and identifies the causes of stress as well as how it affects our lives. We share

WAAF Civil Air Patrol cadet earns Spaatz Award

Story and photos by
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U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Andrew Gomes of Kapolei was presented the Civil Air Patrol’s highest cadet honor in a ceremony, held here, Aug. 30.

The 17-year-old cadet is the 14th in Hawaii’s history to receive the prestigious General Carl A. Spaatz Award, having demonstrated excellence in all aspects of cadet life: leadership, character, fitness and aerospace education.

Only five cadets in a thousand earn the Spaatz Award. Only 2,125 cadets, including Cadet Colonel Gomes, have been presented the award throughout the nation since the award’s inception in 1964.

Cadet Gomes is a member of Wheeler Composite Squadron, where he serves as cadet adviser.

The Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of 10 squadrons located across the island chain. Cadets from these squadrons serve not only at the local squadron level, but also at the higher wing level.

Qualified as a solo pilot of powered aircraft through the Civil Air Patrol,

Cadet Col. Andrew Gomes recites the Cadet Oath, administered by U.S. Air Force Col. Robert Licciardi.

Cadet Gomes is also a member of the Marine Corps JROTC unit at Kapolei High School, where he serves as company executive officer.

Spaatz Award
To be eligible for the Spaatz Award, cadets spend an average of five years

working their way through 16 levels of achievement within the cadet program. Self-discipline, a strong sense of personal responsibility, the ability to lead and the foundation required for pursuing aviation, space

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techniques such as positive self-talk, how to not take things personally and a variety of relaxation techniques. Call SB ACS at 655-4227.

Employment Orientation — New to the island and looking for employment? This class at the SB ACS from 10-11:30 a.m. is designed to orientate you to employment opportunities on Oahu. Learn about Spousal Preference and the Priority Placement Program for Spouses (PPP-S) seeking federal employment.

Also offered is information on civilian sector opportunities, contractors, resume writing classes, career fairs and opportunities to further your career and education. Call 655-4227 to register.

Million Dollar Soldier Refresher — This training provides Soldiers with valuable financial tools at SB ACS from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Topics include saving, credit, investing and big purchases. Call 655-4227 to register.

12 / Tuesday

10 Steps to a Federal Job — Walk through the steps to create an effective targeted federal resume and successfully manage the application process at SB ACS from 1-4 p.m. Call 655-4227 to register.

13 / Wednesday

Heart Craft — Activity to commemorate 9/11 held at FS Library from 3-4 p.m. Free while supplies last. Call 438-9521.

AFTB Level K: “Military Knowledge” — Two-day training at SB NCO Academy (Bldg. 6055), 9 a.m.-1 p.m., focuses on knowledge of military and Army programs, Army acronyms, community resources and personal/family preparedness. Call 655-4227.

14 / Thursday

Command Teams Training — Assist command teams with their roles and responsibilities by creating a Family Readiness Plan at SB ACS from 9-11:45 a.m. The class will distinguish proper use of appropriated funds (APF) and FRG informal funds. Call 655-4227.

1-2-3 Magic — Three-week series on parenting at SB ACS, from noon-1:30 p.m. Breaks down parenting into three straightforward jobs. Call 655-4227.

Block Party at the Studio — Join the block party at SB Library for children 1½-5 years old from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and for school-aged children from 3-4 p.m. Children will create with Lego and wooden blocks. Limited to 15 children. Preregistration required. Call 655-8002.

Basics of Budgeting — Learn to develop a budget, track expenses and create a system to save and pay your bills on time in this course held at SB ACS from 10-11:30 p.m.

Bring a copy of your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and a list of bills. Visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

15 / Friday

It takes Two (For Couples) — Enhance your relationship by learning skills to improve communication at SB ACS from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn about expectations, problem solving techniques, forgiveness and the importance of fun and friendship. Call 655-4227.

Acing the Interview — Prepare to answer the tough interview questions and practice with a mock interview at SB ACS from 10-11 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Smoke House Day — Enjoy ribs, barbecue chicken, smoked pork sliders and beef brisket, plus corn bread, baked beans and plenty of coleslaw at FS Hale Ikena. Call 438-1974.

16 / Saturday

Day for Kids — Free Child & Youth event held at SB School Age Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy games, food and prizes. Call 655-8380.

Stand-Up Paddle Boarding for Beginners — Learn to paddle board with SB Outdoor Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for \$59 per person. Transportation, equipment and instructions are provided. Minimum age is 10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 655-0143.

New Parents/Daddy Boot Camp — Class for first-time/expecting parents

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community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

8 / Friday

Hawaii Woman Expo — Sewing, quilting and craft show runs Friday through Sunday at the NBC Exhibition Hall. Visit hawaiiwomanexpo.com/.

9 / Saturday

Remembrance Run — The Fisher House will be hosting its 6th Annual 8k Hero & Remembrance Run, Saturday, Sept. 9, beginning at 6 a.m., at Ford Island. The event is free and open to the public. If you would like to volunteer and help set up the event, call (913) 217-0800.

Kristi Yamaguchi — Champion figure skater performs Saturday and Sunday at the Blaisdell Arena. Tickets begin at \$40. Contact Ticketmaster.com or call the NBC ticket office info line at 768-5252.

Sea Life Park’s Grandparents Week — Residents and visitors can treat their grandparents to a visit at the Park with a special admission discount

for the whole family beginning Saturday, Sept. 9-17. Call (808) 259-2500, or visit www.sealifeparkhawaii.com.

The Park will offer an admission price of only \$12.50, plus tax, to all groups arriving with at least one grandparent 45-years-old or older and their grandchildren (general admission regularly priced \$39.99 adult/\$24.99 child). Grandparents must present a photo I.D. at the ticket office upon admission.

Greenroom Festival Hawaii ’17 — Various performers at Waikiki Shell. Door opens at 3 p.m. Performances start at 4 p.m. For more details, visit greenroomfest.com/.

Out of the Darkness Walk — American Foundation for Suicide Prevention unites those who have been affected by suicide and creates communities that are smart about mental health. Join the walk. Check-in/registration is at 8 a.m.; the walk begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. at Ala Moana Beach Park at Magic Island. To register, visit <https://afsp.donordrive.com/>.

SB Kolekole Walking-Hiking Trail — The trail is closed for

hiking this weekend due to live-fire training.

12 / Tuesday

FS Thrift Shop — Clothes, kitchenware and more offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Bldg. 342, Pierce Street, on FS. Visit www.huispirit.com.

14 / Thursday

Back-to-School Sale — Service members and military families at Hickam and Schofield Barracks can save on educational essentials during a special back-to-school event at the Exchange, Sept. 14-17.

The event, which coincides with the Defense Commissary Agency’s Back-to-School Sidewalk Sale, will feature a host of offers, attractions and activities, including games, food and giveaways.

16 / Saturday

Mokuleia — Help cleanup this Army beach on Saturday, Sept. 16th, from 8 to 10 a.m. Meet in the parking lot across from Dillingham Airfield. Volunteers should bring sunscreen and water.

17 / Sunday

Richard Marx — Singer performs at the Blaisdell Concert Hall, 7 p.m.

23 / Saturday

Pacific Aviation Living His-

tory Day — From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. In partnership with Smithsonian Magazine’s Museum Day Live! four visitors presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket will receive free admission to Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Event will feature student-created exhibits, special presentations and World War II-themed activities. Download free tickets at www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-2017.

Aloha Festivals Ho’olaulea/Street Fest — Aloha Week Hawaii event expected to have 15,000+ participants, 5:30-11 p.m., along Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki. Visit www.alohafestivals.com.

24 / Sunday

Honolulu Century Ride 2017 — Bike ride starts at 6:15 a.m. at Kapiolani Park near the bandstand on Kalakaua Avenue. Regular registration deadline is Aug. 31, after which fee will increase. Visit <https://www.hbl.org/honolulucenturyride/>.

30 / Saturday

Aloha Festivals Floral Parade — Spectacular annual event features 2,000 participants, 40 vehicles, 10 bands and 15 floats. It will start at Ala Moana Park, go to Kalakaua Ave. and end at Waikiki Shell. Visit www.alohafestivals.com.

This Week at the MOVIES
Sgt. Smith Theater

Cars 3 (G)

Friday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

Wind River (R)

Saturday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.

Annabelle: Creation (R)

Saturday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

The Glass Castle (PG-13)

Sunday, Sept. 10, 4 p.m.

Closed Monday through Thursday.

Calendar abbreviations 8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command 25th ID: 25th Infantry Division ACS: Army Community Service AFAP: Army Family Action Plan AFTB: Army Family Team Building AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation	ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA BCT: Brigade Combat Team CDC: Child Development Center CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program FCC: Family Child Care FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare	and Recreation FRG: Family Readiness Group FS: Fort Shafter HMR: Helemano Military Reservation IPC: Island Palm Communities PFC: Physical Fitness Center SAC: School Age Center SB: Schofield Barracks	SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield
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JVEF forms school/military education partnerships

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KAPOLEI — Of the many challenges military families face in service to the country, constantly moving is one of the toughest.

It is especially hard on military children who change schools an average of six to nine times between kindergarten and the 12th grade, according to Military Child Education Coalition, an international nonprofit research organization.

Hawaii’s public school system has undertaken numerous efforts to help military children adapt to their new environment and succeed at their studies.

At the 16th annual Joint Venture Education Forum held at the Kroc Center on Aug. 31, the Hawaii State Department of Education and its military partners highlighted those efforts.

“JVEF is an important collaboration between the HIDOE and our military leadership,” said HIDOE Superintendent Christina Kishimoto. “It is so important for us to make sure students, especially those who are transitioning between schools, receive the kind of welcome and support that make them feel like they are part of our family here in Hawaii.”

Hawaii has the highest number of military-dependent children per capita in the nation, according to the HIDOE. Approximately 14,000 students, or 8 percent of the public school population, are military students.

“Military-connected students and their families face unique challenges in adjusting to a new culture, school and community,” said U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono. “JVEF’s collaborative programs ease that transition, and I will continue to fight for federal impact aid funding, so JVEF can



Photo courtesy of Hawaii Department of Education

Dr. Christina Kishimoto, HIDOE superintendent, and Brig. Gen. John M. Hillyer (both center), mobilization assistant to the director of operations for U.S. Pacific Command, pose with military volunteers at the 16th annual Joint Venture Education Forum, Aug. 31, at the Kroc Center.

continue its critical work.”

JVEF highlighted the following efforts undertaken to help Hawaii’s military students:

Transition Centers. These centers, formally known as K. Mark Takai Transition Centers, connect new students with student ambassadors who conduct school tours, arrange school lunches and offer social and academic support.

JVEF highlighted Kapolei Middle School’s transition center, which is home to its Wingman Program. New students sign a travel log to determine where they had lived before moving to Hawaii. They are then linked up with a student of the same age and gender who also moved from that area.

Most military-impacted schools in Hawaii have a K. Mark Takai Transition Center.

Military & Mentors. Sometimes military students need support from an understanding adult that is not a teacher or parent. At Hickam Elementary School, the formal Military & Mentors program allows active duty military personnel to mentor students.

The mentors spend one-on-one time with students, playing games, talking story and offering support and advice.

Hickam Elementary School officials said they have watched shy students blossom under the attention of their military mentors, while the mentors said they felt good knowing they had made a difference in the students’ lives.

Every military-impacted school in Hawaii has relationships with active duty service members, whether it be a formal mentorship program like Hickam Elementary’s, or having service members

participate in school beautification projects and school sports days.

Solomon Elementary School. Solomon Elementary School on Schofield Barracks broke ground on a \$90 million new campus in July. Officials expect students to begin using the new classrooms in the fall of 2019 and construction to be completed by the summer of 2021.

Funding for the campus came from a \$70 million grant from the Department of Defense’s Office of Economic Adjustment. The HIDOE contributed \$20 million.

Also at JVEF, officials recognized 43 service members from all branches of the Armed Forces for their dedication to volunteer work at Hawaii’s public schools.

Two awards specifically highlighted the efforts of one service member and one civilian whose outstanding contributions helped Hawaii’s military students.

Those awards were as follows:

2017 Daniel K. Inouye JVEF Outstanding Military Contributor Commendation Award. This award went to Coast Guard Chief Jon Franquez for his work in mentoring students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). He helped the students build remote operated vehicles and judged competitions of innovative creations from over 50 participating teams from elementary, middle and high schools.

2017 K. Mark Takai Outstanding Civilian Contributor Commendation Award. This award went to Enrica Luz Guerrero for her outreach work with military students at Radford High School. Guerrero coordinates Radford’s Military Youth Advisory Council and School Community Council. She also coordinates Radford’s Transition Center, which supports new students.

2017 1st Lt. Nainoa Hoe scholar introduced, recognized

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 11th annual 1st Lt. Nainoa Hoe Scholarship of Honor was awarded to University of Hawaii at Manoa ROTC Cadet Vanna Nguyen, Aug. 28, at the mission training complex named after the late lieutenant.

“I’m honored to be able to receive this award,” Nguyen said. “I joined the Army because I wanted to make my parents proud and because so many of my mentors in JROTC encouraged me to pursue the Army. I’m enjoying it so far and look forward to learning more about leadership and the Army.”

The scholarship, which this year amounted to a total of \$2,500, is awarded to cadets from UH Manoa who demonstrate academic, athletic and leadership skills, and who have a commitment to public service.

“I admire young men and women from Hawaii who aspire to do good, not only for their families, but for their country,” said Allen Hoe, Nainoa’s father. “It gives me great satisfaction to see my son’s legacy continue in this way.”

Allen Hoe is also the civilian aide to



Gen. Robert Brown, commander of USARPAC, offers congratulations to 2017 1st Lt. Nainoa Hoe scholarship recipient Cadet Vanna Nguyen, here, Aug. 28.

the Secretary of the Army for West Oahu and a Vietnam War combat veteran.

A representative from U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard recognized Nguyen with a certificate, and Gabbard herself attended the ceremony in her role as a major in the Hawaii National Guard. She con-

gratulated Nguyen and encouraged her to follow Lt. Nainoa Hoe’s example of leadership and service.

Hoe remembered

Gen. Robert Brown, commander of U.S. Army-Pacific, also shared a few words at the ceremony and bestowed a silver medallion upon Nguyen in honor of Hoe’s legacy.

Brown was Lt. Nainoa Hoe’s colonel at the time Hoe was killed by hostile fire while leading his platoon on a combat patrol to urge Iraqi citizens to vote in their first national election. He died on Jan. 22, 2005, in Mosul.

“I had a lot of time to get to know Nainoa Hoe, watching him as a leader. It was one of the greatest honors of my life ... to watch him,” Brown said. “He was an authentic leader. His Soldiers loved him. They would follow him anywhere.

“I want to congratulate Cadet Nguyen,” he continued. “I know Nainoa would be proud of you, and we are all proud of you.”

Nguyen is a sophomore at UH Manoa, where she is studying animal science with the intent to serve as a veterinarian in the Army. She’s a member

of the ROTC’s Warrior Battalion, serving as a second-year cadet under the Army’s Cadet Command.

She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 2015, and was part of its JROTC program. She enlisted in the Army while she was a junior there, through the Army’s delayed-entry program and, upon graduating, reported to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for basic training.

She is currently in the Army Reserve, assigned to the 311th Signal Command (Theater) at Fort Shafter as a financial management technician.

Lt. Nainoa Hoe was a 1995 Kamehameha Schools graduate and a cadet in its JROTC program. He went on to earn a master’s degree in business administration from UH Manoa and to commission as an Army infantry officer in 2003 through the university’s ROTC program.

The funding for this year’s scholarship came via a \$1,000 endowment from Waimanalo businessman Ohelo Kaopio through the Wisconsin-based Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation, and a \$1,500 endowment from Christopher Dawson, founder of the Hawaiian Native Corporation.

Color all of ourselves American in the wake of catastrophe

We’ve all seen them. Those unbelievable images of New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists crashed jumbo jets into the World Trade Centers and our lives changed forever.

There are the photos of the gaping, flaming holes left by the hijacked planes. Images of desperate victims jumping from the burning buildings, of first responders and courageous civilians risking their lives, of the collapsing towers spewing forth a terrifying cloud of ash, of the jagged, smoldering devastation and death left behind.

Sixteen years later, the images still shock us and bring us back to the harsh reality and the incredible heroism of that day.

Today, we once again bear witness to mass devastation in another iconic US city: Houston, Texas. Like 9/11, first responders and volunteer civilians are risking life and limbs to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey and mass flooding from the most recorded rainfall in continental U.S. history.

Images

There are images of schools, churches, highways, homes and cemeteries under muddied waters. Of drenched, exhausted victims fleeing their submerged homes, carrying shoeless children and trembling dogs on their shoulders. Of at-capacity shelters, of downed electrical lines, of rain continuing to fall.

But something is different. After 9/11, our entire country banded together to mourn the loss, hail the heroes and recognize America as one great nation of people. However, the Houston flood news coverage is interrupted with reports on continuing racial and political ten-



sions.

Perhaps the fact that 9/11’s devastation was caused by a foreign enemy allowed Americans to link arms as allies. As for Houston, we have only Mother Nature to blame. But ironically, the lack of someone to accuse has made us turn on each other.

Rather than allowing our hearts and minds to open wide and fully absorb another historic moment when Americans rise to an unthinkable challenge, we are still bickering over politics.

This squabbling robs thousands of first responders, law enforcement, mobilized military aboard warships and aircraft, and National Guard members the recognition they deserve for their undaunted service.

It diverts our attention from the countless acts of kindness and bravery shown by thousands of average civilians. It keeps us from thinking deeply about the suffering our fellow citizens continue to endure, and more importantly, how we might help from afar.

It even distracts us from those criminal opportunists who plot to loot and ransack as soon as the waters recede, allowing them to carry out their dirty deeds without the deterrent media coverage that might assist law enforcement officials.

Perhaps as 9/11 approaches, we can use the now-famous images of that historic tragedy to close the gap that prevents us from banding together to face



U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Zachary West
Soldiers with the Texas Army National Guard move through flooded Houston streets as flood waters from Hurricane Harvey continue to rise, Monday, Aug. 28. More than 12,000 members of the Texas National Guard have been called out to support local authorities in response to the storm.

the Hurricane Harvey flood devastation as one united people.

Some images of 9/11 are particularly relevant to the division we are experiencing today. The photos of people in the streets of New York City – office workers, firefighters, military men and women, hot dog vendors, tourists, nearly everyone – blanketed in gray ash are a symbolic reminder that we are all Americans.

In those photos, one cannot distinguish between black or white, rich or poor, liberal or conservative. All one sees is people helping or being helped in the midst of unthinkable tragedy.

This year, on the sixteenth anniversary of 9/11, as Houston begins the long process of recovery, let’s set aside our differences for a later debate. Let’s color ourselves as only Americans united as one.

Let’s open our hearts so that we can fully experience the historic storm of grief and tragedy without distraction, and open our hands to offer our fellow citizens the charity and hope they so desperately need.

Online Support

The following relief organizations are among those taking donations to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey:

- American Red Cross, <https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-harvey>;
- Salvation Army, www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org; and
- Houston Flood Relief Fund, <https://www.youcaring.com/victimsofhurricaneharvey-915053>.

Discover life’s meaning and purpose

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) MAYA DIETZ
3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment
25th Division Artillery
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — You are more valuable than you know. “God never wills the death of any of His children. He wants us to enjoy the life He has given us because life, as He makes it, is entirely good” (Genesis 1:31). Also, the prophet Ezekiel writes, “For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live” (Ezekiel 18:32).

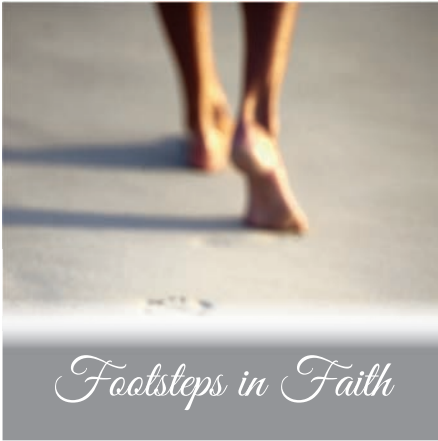
No matter how unlikely it may seem right now, you are the expression of God’s being. If you’ve looked for evidence that God exists, look no further. You are that evidence. Imagine overlooking a city at night. You see bright lights, dim lights, big and small lights, blinking and steady lights, and lights of every color – all playing some important role shining in their small spot. Although you cannot see it, you know they are all drawing electricity from the same source. Those lights are evidence of that power source’s existence, just as you are evidence of God’s existence. You are proof of God’s creation, and you show forth some unique aspect of God’s intelligence, strength, beauty and kindness. The way you live now is just an indication of how clearly you understand this role you play, and how identifying with the Spirit brings freedom.



Dietz

If your present way of life is painful to yourself or others, the way to improve it involves improving your understanding of God as the source of your being. In the gospel of John, it says, “You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free” (John 8:32).

Every discovery you make about God and every revelation you receive as to your value and purpose brings you new or expanded freedoms – freedom from pain, from doubt, anxiety, guilt, shame and addictions. You will grow in patience and wisdom, able to more easily discern the right steps to take in difficult situations and the rights words to speak to bring relief and security to others. In Galatians, it says, “You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone” (Galatians 6: 7b-10a). In that spirit, my great-grandmother raised a family single-handedly during the Great Depression, and she used to



say that when she couldn’t take it anymore, she would turn around and start giving. If you feel like you cannot take it anymore, turn and give. Recognize that you are a light in the world that needs to be shining. Resolve to learn something of the power that supplies you with life, and truth and love. The more you know about God and yourself as being made in God’s image and likeness, the more free, and the more alive you will be.

Point of Contact

To start or deepen this journey of discovery, feel free to reach out to a local religious leader or chaplain. You are also welcome to contact me at chaplaindietz@gmail.com.

CAP: Cadet earns honor

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and technology careers are developed through the cadet program. Earning the Spaatz Award requires passing a rigorous four-part exam testing fitness, moral reasoning, leadership knowledge and aerospace education. Those who pass are promoted to the grade of cadet colonel. Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force’s



Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination

Left — The Gomes family gathers for a photo. Left to right is Andrew’s sister, Ashley; Andrew’s father, retired Army Lt. Col. Jim Gomes; Civil Air Patrol Cadet Col. Andrew Gomes; and Andrew’s mother, Michele Gomes.

Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. CAP’s 57,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. CAP also plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to 24,000 young people participating in CAP’s Cadet Programs. *(Editor’s note: Herrington is the Hawaii Wing director of Public Affairs.)*



Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at <https://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/rso/USARHAW%20Chapel%20Services.pdf>.
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
HMR: Helemano Chapel
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
SC: Soldiers Chapel, Schofield Barracks
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
•Last Wednesday, 6 p.m. at MPC

Catholic Mass
•Monday-Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers Chapel
•Thursday, 11:45 a.m. at AMR
•Wednesday, 5 p.m. at MPC
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC
•Sunday services: -8:30 a.m. at AMR -10:30 a.m. at MPC -11 a.m. at TAMC

Gospel Worship
•Sunday, noon at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic
•Friday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR (Call 477-7647)

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH (Call 473-3971)

Protestant Worship
•Sunday Services -9 a.m. at MPC (Contemporary) -9 a.m. at FD -9 a.m. at TAMC -10 a.m. at HMR (Contemporary) -10:30 a.m. at AMR (Contemporary) -11 a.m. at WAAF (Contemporary)

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

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HONOLULU — Every year across the nation more than 15,000 will hear the words, “Your child has cancer.”

Cancer is a very stressful diagnosis that affects all ages, ethnic groups and socioeconomic classes.

Cancer is the No. 1 death by disease in children.

Over the last half-century, the number of children diagnosed with cancer has not decreased, but with major advances in medical treatment, survival rates have dramatically improved.

“We generally average about 15-20 new patients a year,” said Lt. Col. Jeremy Edwards, Department of Pediatric chief and assistant chief of the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic at Tripler Army Medical Center.

The average age of a child diagnosed with cancer is 6 years of age with more than 40 children diagnosed every day. The cause of cancer in children is still unknown, and even though new treatments are being developed daily to combat this disease, help sometimes doesn’t come soon enough.

Progress
Compared to 50 years ago, up to 90 percent of children who receive a diagnosis of cancer survive. That is an increase of 80 percent. However, they are



Photo by Kristen Wong, Oahu Publications

KAILUA — Nahla Nepaulsingh, 4, who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, is the youngest cancer survivor at the annual Relay For Life of Windward Oahu in July 2015.

commonly plagued with late-effects such as infertility, heart failure and secondary cancers.

“The chemotherapy we use to cure cancer can actually lead to a secondary, therapy-related, cancer later in life for some children,” said Edwards. “Around 90 percent of children who receive therapy for cancer will have some type

of long-term effect they will have to deal with for the rest of their lives.”

According to Edwards, many different cancers affect children each year, but acute lymphocytic leukemia, brain and other central nervous system tumors, and Neuroblastoma account for more than half of all new diagnoses.

“The most common type of cancer in

all children is acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a cancer of the white blood cells,” said Edwards. “This makes up around 60 percent of all childhood cancers. However, over the past year we have treated patients with leukemia, colon cancer, kidney cancer and muscle cancer, just to name a few.”

Since many treatments for adult cancer can be detrimental for children, the Tripler Pediatric Oncology Clinic and the Adult Medical Oncology Clinic work side-by-side during diagnosis and treatment.

“There is often less funding for pediatric cancer research, so we rely on cooperative research groups to determine the state-of-the art therapy,” said Edwards. “We work closely with the adult medical oncology physicians to determine the best treatment course, regardless of age.”

“Sometimes we take over care of the adult patient and our adult colleagues will take over care of the younger patient,” he continued. “The key to the relationship is the teamwork and respect that we all have for each other here at Tripler.”

Learn More
For more information on childhood cancers, go to www.cancer.gov/types/childhood-cancers.

Tripler focuses on care; satisfaction is key

“When I think about satisfaction, I think of three things: patient satisfaction, visitor satisfaction and staff satisfaction.

We are a health care organization. We do our best to provide optimal care to the patients and make sure they are happy and satisfied, but anyone that has had a loved

one sick in the hospital knows, it’s also critical to ensure our visitors are satisfied,” said Col. Parnell Mattison, Tripler Army Medical Center’s deputy commander for Medical Services.

“They need to be able to find their loved ones, get meals when they need them, etc. The staff satisfaction really serves as the foundation for their subsequent engagement and health care delivery.”

Mattison

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at SB ACS from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn skills for new infant care. Call 655-4227.

Ongoing

Preschool Story Time — Attend every Tuesday for stories, songs, dancing and a craft at 10 a.m. at FS Library. Call 438-9521.

Resiliency through Art — This program focuses on self-expression through art in a small group setting at the SB Arts & Crafts Center every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 655-4202, as registration is required.

Quilting and Sewing — Every Tuesday and Sunday attend quilting and sewing from 5-8 p.m. or 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for \$25 (first class) or \$6 (each additional class) at the SB Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 572. Ages 17 and up recommended; for younger patrons, call 655-4202.

Preschool Story Time — Attend every Wednesday for stories, songs, dancing and a craft at 10 a.m. at SB Sgt. Yano Library. Call 655-8002.

Lei Making — Learn to make a beautiful lei every Friday for \$15 at the SB Arts & Crafts Center from 1-2 p.m. Call 655-4202.

Clay Hand Building — SB Arts & Crafts Center, Thursday, from 1-3 p.m. Call 655-4202.